(e) to (f) The requisite information has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 161 dt. 18.11.1985.

Higher mark up on medicines

2183. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Higher mark up in new Policy likely", which appeared in 'the Economic Times' on 22nd November, 1985;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal before Government for higher mark up on medicines;

(c) whether such a proposal has been made on any factual data or study;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the profitability of drug companies is one of the highest in this country;

(f) whether it is also a fact that number of instances of overcharging making unintended benefits and marketing without price approval of drug companies have come to Government's notice; and

(g) if so, what is the justification for allowing higher mark up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) and (g) Government has not yet finalised their views on New Drug Policy.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Several instances of the type referred to have come to the notice of the Government and action is being taken on these cases.

Overcharging and T.B. drugs

2184. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 189 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Isokin Liquid contains Isoniazide 50 mg per 5 ml and Isokin-300 contains Isoniazide 300 mg per tablet;

(b) whether it is a fact that Isoniazide is covered under category I of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(c) whether it is fact that these are anti TB medicines;

(d) whether it is a fact that to provide anti-TB medicines to poor TB patients at cheap prices is one of our 20-Point Programmes;

(e) whether it is also a fact that since 1979, Warner Hindustan had been overcharging the poor TB patients; and

(f) if so, on what basis their overcharging activity has been regularised without any penal action as provided under provision 29 of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Isokin Liquid contains Isoniazid 50 mg. per 5 ml. but, Isokin 300 tablets contain INH 300 mg|tablet and Vitamin B6 10 mg per tablet.

(b) Bulk drug Isoniazid is specified under Category I in the First Schedule to the Drugs (Prices Control) Orer, 1979.

(c) and (d) yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) Position has already been explained in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 19 answered on 18th November, 1985.

Price control to cover all drugs

2185. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned

"Price Control to cover all drugs" which appeared in 'The Economic Times' on November 21, 1985;

(b) if so, whether there is any such proposal before Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the delicensing list and to replace it by drugs which are totally being imported;

(e) if so, by when a final decision will be taken;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to revise the categories under price control and to allow lower mark up on formulations based on imported bulk drugs and higher mark up for formulations based on bulk drugs indigenously produced from basic stages; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to such a news item which appeared in the Delhi edition of the 'Economic Times' dated 22nd November, 1985.

(b) to (g) Government have not finalised their views on the New Drug Policy.

Industrial licences for drug manufacture

2186. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Licences were granted for Morantel Tartarate to Pfizer, Aprotinine and Fenbendazole to Hoechst, Allergens to E-Merck, Dothipin Hcl and Flurbiprofen to Boots and Rifampicin to Ciba-Geigy;

(b) if so, when was each Licence issued;

(c) what were the main conditions of each Licence as well as stage of manufacture and capacity permitted for each drug;

(d) whether the production of each drug has been commenced and if so, what was the production during the last two years, yearwise;

(e) whether all these drugs have been included in the required schedule of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(f) if so, when and what was the price fixed for each;

(g) whether price of each drug was fixed on cost-cum-technical study by BICP; and

(h) if so, when and what price was recommended for each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Except for Rifampicin, Industrial Licences have been granted to the respective companies for the bulk drugs referred to in the question. A letter of intent was issued to Ciba-Geigy for Refampicin.

(b) and (c) Details of licences along with stage of manufacture and main conditions are given in the Statement (*see below*)-a